

Amendments to the Drawing:

Applicants have amended the Figures to include labeling for the block diagrams included therein. Two replacement sheets are attached.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

The Examiner objected to the drawings. In view of the amendments made thereto, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the prior art rejection, a difference between the present invention and the cited related art is that the voltage regulator switches over into a different operating mode as a function of the temperature variable. To this end, the voltage regulator has two regulators, the first (linear) regulator being switched off as a function of the temperature variable's exceeding a threshold value, and the second (switching) regulator, which was previously switched off, being activated after the threshold value is exceeded. However, the Voss document does not describe such a configuration of a voltage regulator that is made up of two individually operated regulators.

The present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Reconsideration and allowance of the presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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